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New Mexico Copper/Copper Flat Project

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Kurt W. Ehlert < Ehlert Kurt@wagnerequipment.com> Tue, Dec 15, 2015 at 5:00 PM To: "BLM NM LCDO Comments@blm.gov" <BLM NM LCDO Comments@blm.gov>

To whom it may concern:

Wagner Power Systems is very supportive of the initiative to begin active mining by New Mexico Copper at Copper Flat. We believe that responsible mining of a rich resource in Sierra County will have no downside impact on the area and conversely stands to be a great source of jobs, tax revenue, and other benefits for the residents of Sierra County and New Mexico. As described by the business plan if construction proceeds, it is anticipated that the Project would create approximately 1,300 direct, indirect and induced jobs. Once in operation, the proposed Copper Flat Mine is expected to generate approximately 250-275 direct jobs. The estimated total tax paid over construction and the mine life is approximately \$175 million; of that amount, \$53 million is projected to go to the state of New Mexico.

The Project will have a long term positive effect on our business and will create the need for Wagner Equipment to add jobs in support of mining operations. We would anticipate a rewarding relationship with the mine over the life of the mine that ultimately will enhance our own operations by increasing revenues, salaries as well as taxes paid to Sierra County and the State of New Mexico.

This is a win/win/opportunity for Sierra County, New Mexico and Wagner Equipment Co. and we ask you to allow the project to come to fruition.

Sincerely,

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